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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections made in the Action are respectfully rquested for the reasons explained below.

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